

various districts in the province. Of the ninety companies, thirty-seven have headquarters in Toronto and the combined capital of those companies amounts to \$9,856,000. Hamilton has four companies, the capital of one being \$10,000,000, and the total is \$11,315,000. In Ottawa there were five companies formed with a capital of \$270,000. During the next few weeks a number of very large Toronto companies will be incorporated.

AS TO BOILER INSPECTION.

In the Ontario Legislature a few days ago, just before its adjournment, in moving the second reading of his bill for the protection of life and property in the use of stationary boilers and engines, and the examination and licensing of persons in charge of them, Mr. Carscallen, of Hamilton, Ont., said: I do not know exactly what view the attorney-general takes of this bill, but I think it will commend itself to this house, because it aims at affecting greater security to life and property in this province. I have been furnished with some very important statistics, which will be of some interest to the House. I shall not detain the House with going minutely into the statistics, but just give the results of what has taken place in this province since 1892. I have placed in my hand a statement showing the number of persons killed. The information comes largely from the Boiler Inspection Co. Since 1892 and up to 1899 there were some eighteen or nineteen boiler explosions, resulting entirely from their being in charge of inexperienced persons. With regard to those accidents, fifty-one people have lost their lives, and more than double that have been injured, and in each case the loss of property has been very extensive, in fact, from the figures given to me here it exceeds over \$100,000, I am told that does not represent actually ten per cent. of the actual casualties resulting from boiler explosions during the years I have named. I think this shows the necessity of legislation in this direction. You will be surprised,

Mr. Speaker, to be told that there are some 8,000 stationary boilers and engines in use in the province of Ontario to-day, and there seems to be no law by which those who are operating those stationary boilers and engines are compelled to obtain a certificate of qualification to take charge of such risky callings. The principle of this bill, I may say, does not apply to such small things as a printing press or to the machinery in cheese factories. It exempts also the boilers used in connection with threshing

machines; but it reaches out to get at those persons who are in charge of stationary engines and boilers so extensively used in this province. The main principle of this bill, I may say, is also in operation in the following countries: Great Britain, Quebec, Manitoba, the North-west Territories, British Columbia, in most of the States of the American Union and in all the large cities of the United States, and I am informed that the law in some of these cities is more stringent than the state law. I do not know

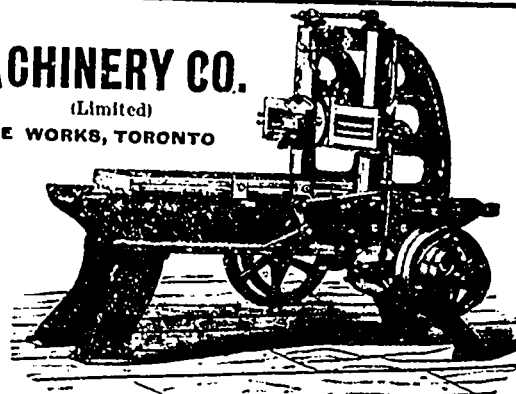
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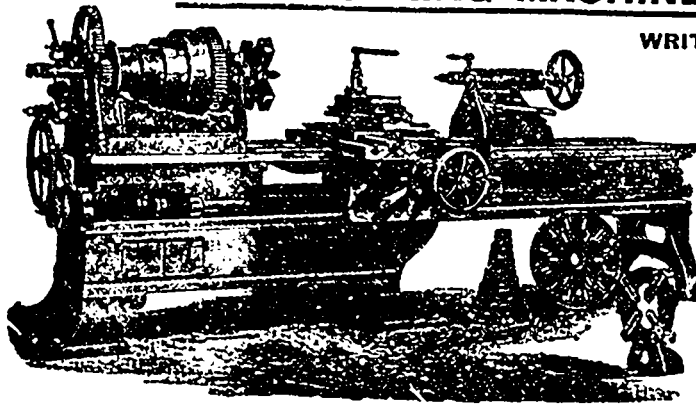
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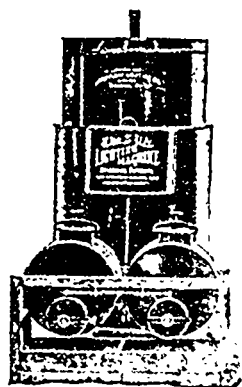
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